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1. THE NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE CABINET OF THE ANGOLAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WERE SWORN IN SEPTEMBER 12 IN THE PRESENCE OF THE JUNTA HEADED BY ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO. ONE NEW SENIOR MINISTER, FERNANDO FALCAO, WAS OUT OF TOWN, BUT SENT A TELEGRAM SAYING HE WOULD BE BACK IN A WEEK.

2. IN AN ADDRESS AT THE CEREMONY ADMIRAL ROSA COUTINHO REFERRED BRIEFLY TO THE EXPECTED NEW LAW THAT WILL GIVE ANGOLA INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW CABINET MEMBERS WOULD SOON HAVE THE OFFICIAL TITLE OF "MINISTERS," RATHER THAN "SECRETARIES" AS IS NOW THE CASE.

3. IN HIS ADDRESS THE ADMIRAL PAID HOMAGE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION, LABOR, SOCIAL WELFARE, JUSTICE AND AGRICULTURE. IN HIS ONLY REFERENCE TO A CONCRETE PROGRAM, HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARIAT OF FINANCE AND PLANNING WILL BE CHARGED WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF THE BANKING AND CREDIT SYSTEM AND THE CREATION

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